

## **Q&A About the Sunset Park Sale Ballot Measure**



### **Why is the City of West Linn proposing the sale of Sunset Park?**

- The West Linn/Wilsonville School District has indicated that Sunset Primary School needs to be replaced soon and that it is the School District's desire to maintain Sunset Primary School at its current location, provided that the School District's property in this location can be expanded.
- The City-owned Sunset Park property is adjacent to Sunset Primary School. Agreeing to sell a portion of Sunset Park to the School District would provide sufficient land to allow the School District to keep Sunset Primary School in this location.

### **Why is the Sunset Park property transaction on the ballot?**

- The West Linn Charter Section 46 requires that the sale of any property owned by the City of West Linn and designated as a park be approved in advance by City voters.
- The West Linn City Council approved placing this measure on the May 18, 2010 ballot with a 5-0 vote.

### **How can we be sure Sunset School will stay in the Sunset Neighborhood?**

- The West Linn/Wilsonville School District has agreed to some very specific terms and conditions (included in this packet) related to the sale of Sunset Park that give every indication that the School District intends to keep Sunset School in Sunset.

### **How does the sale of Sunset Park fit into the Neighborhood Plan for Sunset?**

- The Sunset Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan includes a primary goal of keeping Sunset Primary School as a defining element of the Sunset neighborhood.
- If this ballot measure is approved by the voters, the terms and conditions related to the sale would include Sunset neighbors in the school planning process, and would maximize recreational opportunities while preserving significant trees at the site.
- The City would use the property sale proceeds for acquiring or developing land for recreational use in West Linn.

### **How does the Sunset Park sale ballot measure affect the police station ballot measure?**

- In addition to this ballot measure, the West Linn City Council has also submitted for the May 18, 2010 election two related but separate ballot measures. Voter approval is required for each of the ballot measures.
- One ballot measure would authorize the issuance of up to \$10.8 million in general obligation bonds to fund the land acquisition and to construct, furnish and equip a new police and court facility.
- The other ballot measure would annex 7.5-acres of real property located at 3332 and 3151 Parker Road.

### **What happens if the three ballot measure are approved by the voters?**

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- The City has signed agreements such that if the three ballot measures are approved, the City will:
  - \*Sell a portion of Sunset Park to the School District so Sunset Primary School can be replaced at its current location;
  - \*Purchase the Parker Road property being annexed; and
  - \*Construct a new police and court facility on a portion of the annexed property.

### **What happens if one or more of the ballot measures are not approved by the voters?**

- The transfers of the properties, the City's to the District and the District's to the City, are contingent upon City voters' approval of two measures:
  - \*Approval of annexation to the City of the Parker Road property.
  - \*Approval of sale of Sunset Park property, as required by City Charter.
- If either of the ballot measures fail, City and District agree to consult with each other before making other plans for these properties.

### **Why can't West Linn keep the police station in its current location?**

- The existing police station is outdated for the needs of modern law enforcement. The existing police station was constructed in 1936. The building poses significant safety problems for officers; it is likely that it would collapse during an earthquake, and the emergency exit from the second floor of the building is a wooden fire escape over the dumpsters.
- There is inadequate evidence storage, technology wiring is exposed, and the building's boiler is so antiquated that replacement parts must be reconditioned from demolished buildings.
- The City of West Linn only owns the footprint of the existing police station, thus, there is inadequate parking and no room to expand on the existing site.

### **How can I learn more about the trio of ballot measures?**

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